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1. JAPAN

JAPAN AUTO MFRS ASSN FRIDAY SAID OUTPUT REACHED RECORD HIGH 678,591 UNITS IN OCT, DUE CONTINUED DOMESTIC, EXPORT DEMAND. SHARP RISE SMALL CAR OUTPUT OFFSET DROPS ALL OTHER CATEGORIES (REUTER TOKYO).

SPOKESMAN SAID FRIDAY EIDAI CO, MAJOR PLYWOOD, PREFAB-HOUSING MAKER, WORKING WITH BANKERS ON REORGANIZATION PLAN. DAIWA BANK SPOKESMAN SAID NOT YET KNOWN HOW MUCH CREDIT NEEDED TO CARRY FIRM; EIDAI POSTED 12.5 MILLION DOL DEFICIT FIRST HALF JFY, AS SALES SAGGED 41 PERCENT, TO 167 MILLION DOLS (WSJ, TOKYO).

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USCG THURSDAY SAID 180-FT STERN TRAWLER EIKYU-MARU NO. 35 FINED 575,000 DOLS FOR VIOLATING US FISHING ZONE. MASTER FINED 25,000 DOLS BY US DISTRICT COURT ANCHORAGE. VESSEL SEIZED NOV 4 (JOC, WASHINGTON).

UK TRADE UNIONISTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST "DUMPING"
AFTER TWO FIRMS BOUGHT 600 TONS JAPANESE STAINLESS
STEEL IN PAST FORTNIGHT (JOC, SHEFFIELD).
EXEC COUNCIL OF DOMEI, NATION'S SECOND BIGGEST LABOR
FEDN, THURSDAY DECIDED DEMAND 15 PERCENT AVERAGE
WAGE INCREASE NEXT SPRING, ABOUT 66 DOLS/MO (JOC, TOKYO).

LEADING SHIPBUILDERS MADE MIXED SHOWING FIRST HALF
CURRENT JFY. SALES, EARNINGS UP, BUT PROFITS STILL
SLIDING. HITACHI REPORTED 3.7 PERCENT SALES INCREASE
TO 475 MILLION DOLS, BUT PRE-TAX PROFITS DROPPED 48
PERCENT TO 13 MILLION DOLS. IHI REPORTED SALES
1.5 PERCENT LOWER AT 970 MILLION DOLS, BUT PRE-TAX PROFITS
UP 13.8 PERCENT, TO 51 MILLION DOLS (JOC, TOKYO).

JOC'S MORRISON IN WASHINGTON NOTES JAPANESE, EUR
SHIPOWNERS HAVE FILED PROTEST AGAINST FMC REQUIREMENT
TO FILE FULL COST JUSTIFICATION AS CONDITION FOR RAISING
OCEAN SHIPPING RATES. CLAIM REPRESENTS THREAT TO
LONG-ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE OF SELF-REGULATION IN
SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

2. JAPAN/CHINA

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS CHOU CONFINED TO HOSPITAL BED, HIS
CONDITION WORSENER, ACCORDING GOJ OFFICIAL WHO VISITED
PEKING RECENTLY (SUN, CHITRIB, NYDN); INFORMED
JAPANESE SOURCE DECLINED IDENTIFY PERSON, BUT MITI
MINISTER TOSHIO KOMOTO RETURNED FROM PEKING WEDNESDAY
(CHITRIB), WAS LAST GOJ OFFICIAL VISITING PRC (SUN).

3. CHINA

CSM'S RAM, IN NEW DELHI, NOTES RECENT SOVIET DECLARATIONS
WHICH FOR FIRST TIME APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE INDIA'S LEGAL
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CLAIM TO BORDER TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY PRC SINCE 1962.

PEKING ZOO SHOWED BRITISH DIPLOMATS THURSDAY ONE OF
WORLD'S RAREST, MOST EXOTIC, DEER SPECIES BRED
IN PRC FOR FIRST TIME THIS CENTURY FROM TWO PAIRS
PRESENTED ZOO TWO YEARS AGO BY BRITS. "PERE DAVID'S
DEER" BECAME EXTINCT IN CHINA AT ABOUT TURN OF CENTURY
WHEN FOREIGN TROOPS KILLED OFF ONLY KNOWN HERD, WHICH
ONCE ROAMED FORMER EMPERORS' HUNTING PARK. SOME
WERE SHIPPED TO EUROPE, AND LARGE HERD BUILT UP IN
BRITAIN'S WOBURN ABBEY ESTATE (REUTER, SUN).

NYT'S KISSELGOFF APPLAUDS NYC PERFORMANCE OF ASIAN
DRAMA, DANCE, MUSIC BY "LHAMO," FOLK OPERA OF TIBET.

4. INDONESIA

CHURCH CMTE RELEASED 346-PAGE REPORT THURSDAY, CITING "SOME EVIDENCE" OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN PLAN ASSASSINATE SUKARNO; NOTED "NO FOREIGN LEADERS" KILLED AS RESULT PLOTS INITIATED BY US OFFICIALS (VOLZ, NYDN).

MALIK SAID THURSDAY NATION COULD NOT AFFORD CONTRIBUTE TO BILLION-DOL OIL SUBSIDY FUND BEING CREATED BY FELLOW MEMBERS OF OPEC; INSTEAD, PLANS ASK AID FROM WEALTHIER OIL BROTHERS. INDONESIA WILL EXPORT SOME 444 MILLION BBL OIL THIS FY, BUT MUST ALSO IMPORT OVER 20 MILLION BBL LIGHT, HIGH-SULFUR PERSIAN GULF CRUDE, AT COST 200 MILLION DOLS WHEN FOREX RESERVES SHARPLY REDUCED BY PERTAMINA'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES (NYT SPECIAL, JAKARTA).

5. KOREA

JOC'S ERIC RIDDER PROFILES VETERAN FOREIGN TRADE EDITOR GEORGE TELFER, WHO PLANS REVISIT ROK ON SPEAKING TOUR EARLY DEC.

6. PHILIPPINES

MILITARY COURT RECOMMENDS CARLOS ROMULO GRANDSON, UNCLASSIFIED

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EUGENIO LOPEZ III, RELATIVE FORMER V-P FERNANDO LOPEZ, FOUR OTHER YOUNG MEN BE TRIED ON CHARGES KIDNAPPED, RAPED POLIO-AFFLICTED GIRL, ALSO FROM WEALTHY FAMILY (CHITRIB, MANILA).

7. AUSTRALIA

WHITLAM, MURPHY, CAIRNS, CONNOR SUMMONED APPEAR NSW COUNTRY COURT DEC 8 TO FACE CONSPIRACY CHARGE RELATING TO EFFORT RAISE OVERSEAS LOANS. LEGAL SOURCES SAY HEARING WILL BE PUT BACK TILL NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE ELECTION SLATED ONLY FIVE DAYS LATER (REUTER CANBERRA).

QUEENSLAND MINES/ENERGY MINISTER CAMM SAYSIN BRISBANE US-EUR GROUP PLANNING BUILD BAUXITE MINING, ALUMINA REFINING COMPLEX AT AURUKUN, AT COST OVER 1.2 BILLION DOLS (WSJ).

GETTY OIL SPOKESMAN SAYS AUSSIE SUBSIDIARY AND PARTNER PANCONTINENTAL MINING CONFIRM PRESENCE GOLD FOUND ON EXPLORATION PROPERTY IN NT. ESTIMATE RESERVES ON NINE-ACRE SITE TOTAL ABOUT 212,000 OZ. HAVE APPLIED

FOR GOLD-MINING LEASE (WSJ, LA).

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

GUAM OFFICIALS ESTIMATE MORE THAN 1,500 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON ISLAND, MOSTLY MICRONESIANS. SUSPECT ILLEGAL ALIEN WOMEN EMPLOYED AS DOMESTICS, OR HOSTESSES IN LOCAL GIRLIE BARS. BELIEVE ALL VN REFUGEES ACCOUNTED FOR (UPI, LAT).

9. THAILAND/INDOCHINA

RTG WILL KEEP, POSSIBLY INCREASE, PATROLS ON MEKONG ALONG LAOTIAN BORDER, DESPITE 1893 TREATY THAT DEFINES BORDER IN FAVOR LAOS (UPI, NYDN). THAILAND URGES LAOS COOPERATE IN SOLVING MEKONG BORDER DISPUTE. PL REPORTEDLY FIRE ACROSS RIVER AT 2 POINTS. THAI STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE PEACEFULLY IN FRONT LAOTIAN EMBASSY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PROTEST MEKONG INCIDENT IN WHICH SAILOR KILLED (REUTER BANGKOK).

MCARTHUR (LAT 11/20) AT BANGKOK DESCRIBES THAI BURDEN OF 75,000 REFUGEES, STRUNG OUT IN ABOUT 20 BORDER CAMPS. NOTES MOST MEO, BUT 13,000 CAMBODIANS, 1000 VIETS. REPORTS CAMP CONDITIONS DEPLORABLE. SAYS VIETS SLOWLY BEING SENT TO US, FRANCE, CANADA, WHILE NEW ESCAPES FROM VN ALMOST CEASED; SOME KHMERS GO TO US, BUT FRESH ARRIVALS OUTNUMBER THOSE LEAVING; SEES NO PROSPECT FOR RESETTLING MEOS, MANY OF WHOM RETAIN ARMS, AND NUMBER GROWS EVERY TIME PL TIGHTENS GRIP IN LAOS. COMMENTS US PLAYING ONLY SMALL ROLE IN SOLVING LAOTIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. SAYS US BILATERAL AID TO RTG FOR REFUGEES WILL CEASE, WITH HELP GIVEN THROUGH INTL ORGANIZATIONS ONLY. QUOTES OBSERVER THAT THAIS NOW DOING BEST WITH REFUGEES, BUT HAVE ONLY MEAGER RESOURCES AND CAMPS LOCATED IN EXTREMELY POOR SECTIONS.

10. INDOCHINA

NVN, SVN TO BE REUNIFIED UNDER SINGLE GOVT TO BE ELECTED BY NATL ASSY THAT WILL BE CHOSEN THROUGH GENL ELECTIONS, ACCORDING PROPOSAL ENDORSED IN SAIGON TALKS (CHITRIB; REUTER, CSM). REUNIFICATION CONFERENCE ENDS WITH ALL DELEGATES SIGNING DOCUMENT FAVORING ULTIMATE MERGER (REUTER HK).

REUTER (TOKYO) QUOTES VU NGOC TOC, PRG AMBASSADOR TO PRC, TELLING JAPANESE ENVOY IN PEKING THURSDAY THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR VN NATIONAL ASSY LIKELY BE HELD

EITHER ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, JAN 6, OR LIBERATION DAY,
APRIL 30, ACCORDING KYODO REPORT FROM PEKING.

WP'S SMITH QUOTES TWO AFSC HOSPITAL WORKERS, WHO
REMAINED IN SVN 6 MOS FOLLOWING COMMUNIST TAKEOVER,
THAT THINGS WENT BACK TO NORMAL RAPIDLY. THEY RECOMMEND
FUTURE US AID TAKE FORM EXPERTISE, EQUIPMENT BUT NOT
TRYING RUN GOVT; SAY MANY VIETS THINK RUSSIANS COMING,
BUT SO FAR NO SIGN SOVIETS IN SAIGON.
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NYT, RICHARDS (WP), DOBBIN (SUN), VOLZ (NYDN), IN
ARTICLES ON SENATE REPORT CONCERNING CIA PLOTS TO
ASSASSINATE FOREIGN LEADERS, MENTION THAT AGENCY PLAYED
INDIRECT ROLE IN DIEM ASSASSINATION. DOBBIN POINTS
OUT NEITHER JFK, NOR ANY OTHER US OFFICIAL, AUTHORIZED
DIEM/NHU KILLINGS, BUT TOOK HANDS-OFF APPROACH. RICHARDS
SUMMARIZES CIA ACTIVITIES AT TIME OF DIEM OVERTHROW,
NOTES CIA AGENT AT SAIGON REFUSED OFFER VIEW DIEM,
NHU BODIES FOR FEAR DAMAGING US INTERESTS. QUOTES
SENATE CMTE REPORT THAT DETAILS OF DEATHS NOT KNOWN, BUT
NO EVIDENCE DIRECT, INDIRECT US INVOLVEMENT. NYT
EXTRACTS FROM SENATE CMTE REPORT SKETCH OF DIEM AS
ALLEGED ASSASSINATION TARGET.

11. GENERAL

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (BALTO N-A 11/20) QUOTE "HIGHLY CLASSI-
FIED" INTELL STUDY WARNING THAT BY 1985 PRC WILL HAVE
3725 COMBAT AIRCRAFT, NK 490, NVN 350, USSR 7810, OTHER
WARSAW PACT NATIONS 2230; USN WILL PROBABLY HAVE 2500;
USAF MAY HAVE 10,000, BUT MOST WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE
FOR COMBAT IN EVENT RUSSIAN ATTACK ON USN.

IN SAME ARTICLE, ANDERSON/WHITTEN SAY US ATTY AT SF
LATER THIS MONTH WILL PROBE 50,000 DOL BRIBE REPORTEDLY
OFFERED BY PHILS' MARCOS TO CONGRESSIONAL WITNESS.
MENTION MARCOS DENIES BRIBE CHARGE.

CSM'S WOHL NOTES USSR BUILDS HUGE NEW PACIFIC PORT NEAR
VLADIVOSTOK. ATTRIBUTES MOVE INTER ALIA TO AGGRESSIVE
TRADE POLICY IN PACIFIC, WITH MANY US, JAPANESE, SINGAPORE,
PHILS, OTHER NATION'S FIRMS FINDING IT PROFITABLE USE
USSR SHIPS; EXISTENCESURPLUS CARGO CAPACITY BUILT UP
DURING INDOCHINA WAR. MENTIONS NEW PORT VISTOCHNY
DEVELOPED WITH 80 MILLION DOL JAPANESE CREDIT, TO BE
REPAID WITH SIBERIAN RAW MATERIALS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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GLOBE BELIEVES CONSTITUTIONAL UPHEAVAL WOULD BE FARCICAL BUT FOR CHALLENGE OFFERED COMMONWEALTH. SEES CRISIS STEMMING FROM RAZOR-THIN MARGIN THAT DIVIDED GOVT, OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT. SINCE HOUSE VOTED "NO CONFIDENCE" IN NEW REGIME, WONDERS WHETHER AUSTRALIA NOW HAS GOVT AT ALL. NOTES LONDON TRIES MAINTAINS HANDS-OFF ATTITUDE, BUT WON'T BE EASY SHRUG AFFAIR OFF SINCE QUEEN APPOINTS GOVGEN. SAYS TRADITIONALLY BRITISH POLICY CASTS COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS AS CO-EQUAL, SELF-GOVERNING; BUT AUSSIE CRISIS PIN-POINTS QUESTION THAT UK HAS GENERALLY MANAGED SIDE-TRACK: HOW EQUAL IS CO-EQUAL?

13. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN IN SEOUL NOTES US, FOREIGN BANKS GROWING SKEPTICAL ABOUT BIG, NEW LOANS TO SK AS EXTERNAL DEBTS MOUNT RAPIDLY. OFFICIALS ESTIMATE LONG-TERM ROK DEBT WILL REACH 6 BILLION DOLS BY YEAREND, UP 35 PERCENT SINCE 1974. SHORT-TERM DEBT RISING FASTER, TO 842 MILLION DOLS, ALMOST DOUBLE LAST YEAR. BANKERS STILL WILLING LEND SHORT-TERM, BUT CONTEND SK SHOULD DO MORE TO FINANCE OWN LONG-TERM ECON DEVELOPMENT.

ACCORDING SEOUL FINANCIAL SOURCES, US BANKS HAVE LENT SK 83.5 PERCENT OF ALL FOREIGN BANK LOANS TOTALING 2.8 BILLION DOLS; JAPANESE BANKS DISTANT SECOND WITH 155 MILLION DOLS. C-M LEADS 66 US BANKS WITH LOANS TO SK, WITH TOTAL OF 298 MILLION DOLS. FCN HAS LENT 272 MILLION DOLS, MANHATTAN TRUST 257 MILLION DOLS.

NOTES SK HAS HAD NO PROBLEM WITH DEBT SERVICE SO FAR, BUT 14 FIRMS RECENTLY DEFAULTED ON 6.8 MILLION DOLS IN FOREIGN DEBTS, COVERED BY SIX SK BANKS THAT GUARANTEED THEM. SUGGESTS MOUNTING DEBTS RAISE QUESTION WHETHER SK CAN BORROW ENORMOUS FUNDS NEEDED FINANCE CONTINUED EXPANSION. NOTES ROKG UNABLE FLOAT BONDS JAPAN, SAUDI ARABIA THIS YEAR, HAS BEEN FORCED ABANDON GOAL OF FOREGOING ODA BY 1981. KISSINGER

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